

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION

No. 5:07-CV-17-FL

TAMMY M. THORNTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL ASTRUE,  
Commissioner of Social Security,

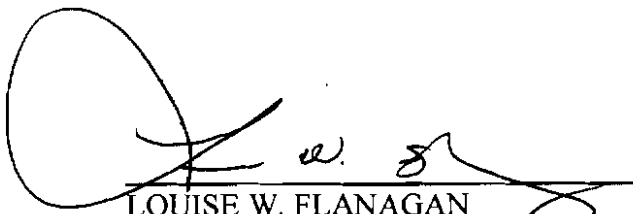
Defendant.

ORDER

This matter is before the court on the Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") of United States Magistrate Judge William A. Webb, regarding the parties' cross-motions for judgment on the pleadings. No objections to the M&R have been filed, and the time within which to make any objection has expired. This matter is ripe for ruling.

The court hereby ADOPTS the recommendation of Magistrate Judge William A. Webb as its own, and, for the reasons stated therein, plaintiff's motion is DENIED, defendant's motion is GRANTED, and the final decision by defendant is AFFIRMED. Accordingly, this matter is DISMISSED. The clerk of court is directed to close the case.

SO ORDERED, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2007.

  
LOUISE W. FLANAGAN  
Chief United States District Judge